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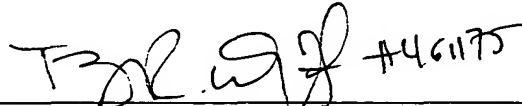
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(The claims are stated herein which refer to the relevant positions recited in column 2.)

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